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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of S.A.
4 "Jimmie" Harris of Winthrop, who passed away on March 24, 2009;
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WHEREAS, S.A. Harris was born December 30, 1916 in Meade,
7 Kansas; and

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WHEREAS, S.A. Harris operated Artesian Valley Creamery and
9 Produce Business in Harrington, Kansas; he came to Winthrop
10 Harbor in 1946 after serving six and a half years in the United
11 States Navy, serving both as a Recruiting Officer in Kansas
12 City, Missouri and Great Lakes, Illinois and overseas with
13 Joint Army-Navy Intelligence in the Pacific Ocean area; and

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WHEREAS, S.A. Harris was employed as an auto dealer in
15 Winthrop Harbor from 1949 until 1976 and was a member of the
16 Dealer Advisory Board in Detroit, Michigan, where he
17 represented the Chicago area; and

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WHEREAS, S.A. Harris was an active member of his community;
19 he served as a Precinct Committeeman; he was a member of the
20 Republican Federation for many years and also headed the local
21 Republican organization; he served as Chairman of the Winthrop

1 Harbor Planning Commission from 1958 to 1985; he was a board
2 member and Chairman of Lake County Planning Commission; he
3 spearheaded the establishment of the Winthrop Harbor Volunteer
4 Fire Department and helped create a street numbering system for
5 Winthrop Harbor; he organized and chartered the Winthrop Harbor
6 Lions Club in 1954 and remained active with a club membership
7 of 64; he was also a Past District Governor for Lions of
8 Illinois District 1-F from 1962 to 1963 and served as
9 International Convention Chairman for the Lions of Illinois
10 District 1-F for 25 years; and

11 WHEREAS, S.A. Harris served as President of the Winthrop
12 Harbor School Board; he was the President of the Zion-Winthrop
13 Harbor-Beach Park Chamber of Commerce; he was a board member
14 and past Chairman of Zion State Bank Board of Directors; he
15 served on the Board of First American Bank; he served as Benton
16 Township Clerk and was in charge of the Service Unit of
17 Salvation Army for 25 years; and

18 WHEREAS, Currently, S.A. Harris served as a board member
19 and Vice-President of Midwestern Regional Medical Center Board
20 of Trustees, where he served for 25 years; he was Chairman of
21 the Village of Winthrop Harbor Economic Development Committee
22 and the Winthrop Harbor Citizens Police Committee; he was an
23 active member of First Christian Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin
24 since 1950; he also managed Harris Enterprises in Winthrop

1 Harbor and was an Associate Member of the Winthrop Harbor
2 Chamber of Commerce; and

3 WHEREAS, S.A. Harris is survived by his loving wife of 66
4 years, Mary; his children, James Randy (Linda) Harris, Linda
5 (Edward) Isom-Burge, and Patti (Douglas) Gross; and his seven
6 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of S.A.
10 "Jimmie" Harris; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of S.A. "Jimmie" Harris as an
13 expression of our sympathy.